

## ARE LIABLE TO BE FINED

The Attorney General Determined to Enforce a Long-Ignored Statute Against Corporations.

WOULD ENRICH TREASURY BY \$500,000.

Discovery Made That the Detroit Municipal Ownership Measure Was Tampered With After Its Passage—Active Work Marks Closing Days of the Legislature.

[Special Correspondence.]

Lansing, April 24.—A large number of citizens of Michigan have made themselves liable to heavy fines and penalties which the attorney general will shortly proceed to collect unless long-ignored provisions of the statutes are complied with during the next 60 days. Such enforcement will bring into the state treasury no less than \$500,000. The situation is of interest to officers and directors of all the mercantile and manufacturing corporations of the state, many of whom reside in Chicago and other places outside of this state. The statute in question requires all manufacturing and mercantile corporations to file with the secretary of state annually, in the months of February and March, a report for the fiscal year of such corporation, showing the amount of its capital stock, the amount invested in real estate, personal property, debts, credits, etc. It is provided that if any of the directors shall willfully neglect or refuse to make such report within the time specified each of them shall be liable for all the debts of the corporation and subject to a penalty of \$25, and in addition thereto the sum of five dollars for each secular day after the first day of March such neglect or refusal continues.

The statute further declares that neglect or refusal to file reports shall, as to the managing officers and directors, be deemed to be willful when the report is not filed within the time limited. There are about 1,200 of these corporations on the books of the secretary of state which have no report for 1918. Last December a circular calling attention to the above statute, together with a blank for reports, was sent to each of these companies, and during the past 30 days a letter notifying each company of its failure to file its report, with additional blanks, has been mailed them. It has been made the duty of the secretary of state to report the names of each nonreporting corporation to the attorney general, who is directed to forthwith begin proceedings in court to enforce the penalties prescribed. Secretary of State Stearns will shortly make this report.

It has been discovered that some one altered the Detroit municipal street ownership bill after it had passed both houses by striking out the provision that the measure should not affect the power given the common council under other laws to grant or extend franchises. This amendment, of course, is in the interest of the city, but the officials are none the less determined to ascertain who made it.

The senate has passed the bill providing for the Torrens system of registering land titles. The bill makes the adoption of the system optional in all counties except Lenawee and Ingham. In these counties the senators asked to have the adoption of the system made mandatory.

The senate has vacated the plat of the former chromo village of Meredith. Its real existence was as a lumber town, but a Cincinnati tobacco firm platted land there after the lumber was gone and gave a deed to a lot as a chromo with a box of tobacco.

Latest election returns indicate that both the state printing office and intermediate court amendments are defeated. The probable defeat of the court amendment has precipitated a movement in favor of increasing the number of justices of the supreme court to seven, and in this way giving the court needed relief. This can be done by statute, and an available bill is in the hands of a senate committee.

The labor organizations of the state met defeat in the house, the Eklhoff joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution abolishing contract labor in prisons being killed. It received only 48 votes.

Unless Gov. Pingree interposes a veto the Graham bill imposing a tax of five per cent. on inheritances, except in cases where direct descendants are beneficiaries, will become a law. The house passed the bill, 52 votes being forthcoming. The bill is free from the constitutional objection made by the supreme court to the inheritance tax law of 1895, provision being made for putting the revenue into the primary school fund.

Both houses have passed the bills providing for the taxation of inheritances and for placing women on the medical staff of each state institution having female inmates.

The senate advanced to third reading a bill increasing the standing appropriation for the university from one-sixth to one-quarter of a mill on the equalized valuation of the state. The present tax yields \$180,000 annually.

Gov. Pingree has signed the bill repealing the law prohibiting the spring shooting of migratory ducks.

The governor has nominated Charles Euth, of Detroit, for judge of the state court of arbitration, and G. Willis Dement, of Lansing, for manager of the state school for the blind.

JASON.

The Strike at Calumet. Calumet, April 24.—The product of the Tamarack, Kearsarge, Osceola and Tamarack Junior mines will be reduced 350 tons this month by the strike. There is nothing to indicate that the strike is to end soon.

## TESTS CITY OWNERSHIP LAW.

The Detroit Commission Definitely Decides to Press the Problem to a Decision.

Detroit, April 24.—Gov. Pingree and other members of the Detroit street railway commission have definitely decided to hasten the test of the McLeod law, under which they are negotiating for the purchase of the street railways by the city, without waiting for action of opposing attorneys, who, the governor alleges, are working for delay. The commission has obtained consent of the attorney general to bring quo warranto proceedings in the state supreme court to determine all the questions raised by the attorneys of the citizens' committee of 60, who are opposing municipal ownership under the McLeod law. The latter will be invited to participate in presentation of the case. It has been shown quite conclusively that the erasures found in the McLeod bill were made before its passage by either house.

Detroit, April 24.—The discovery of an alleged flaw in the McLeod act authorizing acquisition by the city of Detroit of the street railways, has raised another point against municipal ownership. The engrossed bill does not contain a clause which is in the original, viz., providing that nothing in the act shall affect the granting of franchises by the city council. Gov. Pingree says the omission of the clause is of no consequence. The attorneys of the citizens' committee assert that the alleged discrepancy is a strong point in the proceedings they are about to bring to test the act.

## CARNEGIE BUYS MINES.

A Recent Purchase Makes Him the Largest Owner in the Marquette Iron Region.

Marquette, April 24.—It is persistently rumored at Ishpeming that Carnegie is to take in the Lake Superior mines. They are the biggest producing property on the Marquette iron range. Carnegie bought the Queen group at Negaunee April 15. T. E. Cole, general manager for Carnegie in the upper peninsula, and L. P. Hulst, who closed the deal for the Queen property, are making a careful examination of Lake Superior. Color is lent to the story from the fact that circulars were issued three weeks ago telling the stockholders that a deal was on for the transfer of controlling interests and offering to effect a transfer of all interests on the same basis. The purchase of Lake Superior will make Carnegie the heaviest operator on this range.

## MAY LOCATE IN MICHIGAN.

Berrien Springs May Get Branch of the People's University of the United States.

Benton Harbor, April 20.—George McAlister, a Chicago attorney who has been here looking for a site for a branch of the People's University of the United States of America, an agricultural and educational institution of Chicago, returned Wednesday morning accompanied by Walter Thomas Mills and other Chicago men, members of the institution, and they, with a number of local men, are looking at the Ford estate at Berrien Springs. Mr. Mills declares the site to be the most advantageous in southwestern Michigan.

## Died Friendless and Alone.

Benton Harbor, April 20.—Mrs. Taylor, aged 84 years, was found dead in her bed Wednesday morning by officers, who broke in the door, suspecting that something was wrong, as the woman had not been seen for several days. Mrs. Taylor was once quite wealthy, but her son-in-law, it is claimed, spent her money while in Chicago and left her a charge on this city. The woman was formerly from Philadelphia and was a graduate of a medical college. A costly wardrobe of old times was found in the house.

## Broke Jail.

Detroit, April 21.—Raymond Morgan, of Milwaukee, and Thomas O'Keefe, of Grand Rapids, escaped from the Detroit house of correction Thursday night by scaling the walls. They were in the sick ward and from there got into the prison yard and mounted the wall. Both were serving time for post office robberies, and had been in the house of correction for about two years.

## His Head Cut Off.

Constantine, April 20.—George Cothran, of near Fabius, St. Joseph county, was killed by the cars on the Michigan Central Air line. He left home at two o'clock a. m. and his wife became alarmed because of his absence. The hired man went in search of him and found him dead near the track, his head severed from the body.

## Depot Seems to Be Assured.

Cadillac, April 20.—High officials of both the G. R. & I. and Ann Arbor railroads have been here holding a conference concerning the erection of a handsome union depot in this place. The matter has been thoroughly canvassed and the prospects are that it will go through.

## Muskegon Ice to Chicago.

Muskegon, April 24.—Capt. Barry, of Chicago, has chartered six schooners to carry ice from Michigan lakes to Chicago during the coming summer. The captain expects to charter six more boats and have a fleet of 12 in constant operation during the summer.

## Found Guilty.

Detroit, April 24.—Edward Ascher, alias Robert Lang, was late Saturday night found guilty of murdering Valmore C. Nicols on August 10 last.

## Broke Her Neck.

Kalamazoo, April 20.—Mrs. Caroline Phelps fell down the cellar stairs at her home and broke her neck. Her age was 63 years.

## INTERESTING GOSSIP.

Short Bits of Information Gathered from Many Localities in Michigan.

A military company is being organized at Lake Odessa.

The First Reformed church at Grand Haven has decided to purchase a \$3,000 organ.

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Another paper mill, to give employment to several hundred persons, is among the probabilities at Otsego.

Adrian is making arrangements for a grand blowout when her boys of the Thirty-first Michigan reach home.

Among new Michigan postmasters appointed recently was A. G. Runnels, at Lilley, vice Alice P. Larne, resigned.

During the past month inspectors have examined 102 food products in the state, finding 56 pure and the balance adulterated.

Saginaw sportsmen have received 88 Mongolian pheasants recently purchased and will liberate 44 on each side of the river.

In 1898 Holland cleared over \$3,000 above all expenses and interest on bonds by municipal ownership of waterworks and electric light plant.

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The American Glass Beveling company of Grand Haven notified its 100 employees of a ten per cent. increase in wages, to take effect May 1.

At Traverse City Joseph Swenor pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a horse and cutter and was sentenced to prison for 18 months.

A coroner's jury has held the Grand Trunk responsible for the death of Glen Colbraith, killed at Otterburn, finding negligence on the part of the company.

Hiram Rogers, residing on a farm near Niles, is dead. He was the oldest resident in Cass county. Up to three weeks ago he was accustomed to drive to Niles at frequent intervals. His age was 97.

In several of the district schools in Spring term had to be delayed for a week because the roads were in such condition that teachers and pupils were unable to reach the school-houses.

Mason county farmers are demanding the construction of better roads, and the board of supervisors will accordingly ask the legislature for authority to issue bonds for \$75,000, the proceeds to be spent in this direction.

## Arrested at His Son's Funeral.

Grand Rapids, April 22.—Albert Guilfoil was arrested on a charge of bigamy, while in attendance at the funeral of his three-year-old son. The complaint was made by Mary Brann Guilfoil, who sets forth in her affidavit that she was married to him in 1890, and that he deserted her three years ago, after which he married another woman. He has been living with her at Frankfort recently, and the first wife asked to have the warrant served immediately before he could disappear again, as she did not know where he was living. After the service was over Guilfoil was taken to the lock-up.

## Government Surveyors at Work.

Muskegon, April 24.—Government surveyors are at work on Muskegon river, beginning at Newaygo and working this way. In the last river and harbor bill Congressman Bishop had such a survey provided for, to ascertain if the waterway could be made navigable for boats of light draft between Newaygo and Muskegon. The surveyors will make profiles and forward them to Washington. There are marl and stone quarries tributary to the river, and in former times a steamer ran regularly from here to Newaygo.

## Liable to Assessment.

Lansing, April 20.—A supreme court decision in the case of Receiver Foster, of the People's savings bank of this city, against the stockholders to collect an assessment of 65 per cent. for the benefit of the depositors, given by Judge Person, gives the opinion that stockholders are not exempt from assessment, even though they were the victims of misrepresentation of some of the bank officials as to the solvency of the bank.

## Secretary Fralick Resigns.

Grand Rapids, April 20.—Henry S. Fralick, of this city, secretary of the state agricultural society, which has charge of the state fair, has resigned to accept a railway position, and President Butterfield will probably be given the place. In that case Vice President Anderson, of Midland, will be chosen as president.

## Census Supervisors.

Washington, April 24.—Senators McMillan and Burrows have decided that the supervisors of census will, after all, not be selected within the next few days. They will now leave it till some day in July. It is possible that this is done to give Gen. Alger a hand in making the selections.

## Cycle Path for Niles.

Niles, April 24.—The bicyclists of Niles held a public meeting and decided to build a bicycle path from this city to Barren Lake, a summer resort located five miles east. The money for building the path will be raised by subscription.

## Will Meet in August.

Cadillac, April 23.—The Free Methodists of Western Michigan will hold their next annual camp meeting at Cadillac, commencing August 23 and lasting one week.

## BEST BOAT TO WIN.

Coming Yacht Race Next Fall for the America's Cup.

Sir Lipton's Boat, the Shamrock, to Make Earnest Effort to Carry Cup Across the Water—Fair Play Expected.

Maj. Eustace Jameson, member of parliament for West Clare, and Ireland's foremost yachtman, who will be Sir Thomas Lipton's official representative aboard the Shamrock during the races for the America's cup next fall, was in New York on a business trip a few days ago, during which he attended to many details concerning the international contest.

"The last thing Sir Thomas said to me just before leaving London," said Maj. Jameson, "was this: 'If the Americans win the cup it will be because they have the better boat. I know of no finer nor more honorable sportsmen in the world than the American yachtmen.' And that is the spirit which will pervade this whole event. The best boat will win."

"The secrets of the Shamrock are being closely guarded. Very few men in England know the least thing about her. Not more than half a dozen of Sir Thomas' closest friends and confidants have any idea concerning her design and construction. The yard where she is being built is guarded by 40 detectives during the day and by 40 more at night. Not the slightest detail is divulged."

"We recognize in England that we have in Hereshoff a great yacht designer and builder; so great that we are putting forth the best efforts Europe can produce to beat him. No expense is being spared in the construction of the Shamrock. The day she has her first run she will have cost \$750,000."

"We Irishmen expect that the Shamrock's victory will do great things for Ireland. It certainly will help us. I am a nationalist and have the strongest faith and hope for my country's future freedom and prosperity."

"But all Great Britain is backing Sir Thomas in his endeavor to bring back the cup, and we know that the races will be the fairest and most honorable of international sporting contests. We will give you warning, however, that you will have to have the fastest boat ever built to save your trophy."

## FIREPROOF MACHINE SHOP.

To Be Constructed for the United States at the Brooklyn Navy Yard—To Cost \$1,000,000.

Navy department officials will profit by the experience with fire at the Brooklyn navy yard, and in the construction of the new million-dollar machine shop at that place plans will call for an absolutely fireproof structure. This will be accomplished by having the building made only of steel, glass and concrete. The flooring will be treated with the electric fireproofing process which has been used with so much success on board ships of war.

Lieut. J. K. Robison, who is an experienced engineer in the navy, has charge of the plans in conjunction with Civil Engineer Edicott, and both officers are arranging for a plant which will be the best of its type ever owned by the government. It will embrace the latest tools in the market and furnish an equipment capable of doing not only the ordinary repair work of such shops but the heaviest jobs on marine engines. The larger tools will have separate dynamos and electricity will be used more extensively than ever before in naval establishments. There will be also a complete testing department fitted with the latest apparatus. The feature of the shop, however, will be the application of fireproofing methods.

## SKELETON IN AN IRON CAGE.

Workmen Unearth a Peculiar Relic on a Farm in the State of Virginia.

An iron cage containing a human skeleton was dug up the other day on the farm of Mr. Henry Warden in Spottsylvania county, on the Rappahannock river, a short distance below Fredericksburg, Va. The cage is much rusted, but is in the form of the human body, having a headpiece in the top of which is a stout ring, body piece, and arm and leg pieces. They contained a well-preserved skull, jawbones, several teeth, bones of the legs, arms and hips. The strange corpse was unearthed by workmen digging a foundation. It is supposed to have been the body of an unruly criminal, or perhaps a pirate. There is a fairly well authenticated story that in the days of the early settlers the pirates which infested the James and Rappahannock rivers were caught and hanged and their bodies left exposed in chains to public view until they decayed, as an object lesson to wrongdoers. Three were hanged in Richmond. No one knows or can account for the presence of these iron-cased bones except by conjecture.

## A Trunk Mystery.

A box two feet long and one foot wide that has been nearly a year unclaimed at the express office in Baldwin, a village 20 miles from Cincinnati, O., has been opened and found to contain a human body that was cut in pieces to fit the box. The box was sent by the Adams Express company from Cincinnati, consigned to Dr. Emerick, whose whereabouts are unknown, and who has not been in Baldwin for ten years. The name of the sender is unknown. The coroner, Adams express officials and detectives are investigating the matter.

## Illiteracy in Portugal.

Of every hundred Portuguese peasants only 20 can read and write.



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## Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the register of deeds during the week ending April 24:

A M Sommer to J S M Fields and w; und 1/4 of und 1-5 e 1/4 s 1/4 n w 1/4 32 ex 6 a Keeler; \$140.

A M Sommer to Mary Sommer; und 1/4 of land last above described; \$280.

A M Sommer to W M Sommer; und 1/4 lands last above described; \$140.

E E Napier to E B Edmonds; blk 4 Napier's add South Haven; \$750.

J K Blanchard to Willard Ralph; s e 1/4 21 Pine Grove ex 13 a; \$300.

F L Schoolcraft to F E Shears; s e 1/4 s e 1/4 28 Pine Grove; \$900.

Mary A Shears et al to F L Schoolcraft; lands on section 2 Antwerp; \$1500.

J G Sperry to Hattie J Sperry; pt lots 4, 5 and 10 blk 13 H C & Co's add South Haven; \$1.

S J Bridge to H B Hill; e 1/2 s e 1/4 3 Porter; \$3500.

T V Johnson to M L Gruber; lot 47 Crystal Springs add South Haven; \$75.

I M Allen to Wm Abernethy; s 1/2 lot 5 Deertield; \$200.

W W Poole to C E Poole; par vill Lawrence; \$500.

O P Ketchum to Eliza C Howard; s e 1/4 n e 1/4 16 Alma; \$300.

R M Reynolds to G W Warren and w; w 1/4 n w 1/4 n e 1/4 and w 1/2 s w 1/4 n e 1/4 31 Antwerp; \$150.

Kate Howland to J W Deuel; lot vill Kendall; \$20.

S J Cleland to W C Gibson; und 1/2 n w 1/4 n e 1/4 33.

Helen K Arms to J W Deuel et al; 1 a vill Kendall; \$50.

A D Morse to Jos Green; lot 1 blk 11 Pine Grove Mills; \$100.

Caroline Buck to Blanche Beattie; lot sec 15 Covert; \$100.

Frank Tuttle to J S Smith and w; lot 2 blk 7 Warren's add Hartford; \$550.

J S Smith to Duane Smith and w; lot 1 blk 3 Van Ostran's add Hartford; \$275.

Mary T Lowe to Ira Salisbury; lots 5 and 6 blk 57 Paw Paw; \$250.

J H Brown to Mentoria Vandecar et al; lands sec 29 Columbia; \$1.

Henrietta L Boughton to S H Spillman; s w 1/4 n e 1/4 24 Alma; \$500.

Elizabeth J Greenman to A W Langdon; 5 a sec 3 Bloomingdale; \$150.

Clarissa A Nelson et al to Effie O'Reilly; lands on sections 17 and 20 Arlington; \$4300.

Susan Allard to A A Haley; s w 1/4 s e 1/4 26 Antwerp; \$75.

Philander Trowbridge to Cora L Johnson; w 1/4 lot 9 blk U Decatur; \$250.

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